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## National News at a glance

by Robert N. Taylor

**SOMALI PEACE ACCORD BRINGS HOPE TO TROUBLED LAND.** It was long predicted that once U.S. troops left famine-plagued and strife-torn Somalia, violence and chaos would ensue. But in the east African nation, instead, last week saw the country's two main warring leaders sign a peace accord which prompted one Somali to say, "We are quivering with hope that this time it will work." U.S. troops invaded Somalia in December of last year in a bid to bring food to the starving. But the effort became bogged down in an attempt to disarm warring factions and an ill-advised assault for leader Mohammed Farah Aided. Aided survived the U.S. efforts to capture him and he was in Kenya last week to sign the peace accord with his main rival Ali Mahdi Mohammed. The two embraced and scheduled a May conference that will elect a president and set up a new government. Mohammed said of the peace accord, "The problem is finished."

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

**MIKE TYSON FAILS EARLY RELEASE BY FAILING GED.** Former heavy weight boxing champion Mike Tyson is scheduled for release from jail in May of next year. But he could have been released by the end of this year if he had not failed a high school general equivalency examination (GED) last week. However, Tyson can try the examination again in 90 days. If he passes, he could be released in February. The former champion has been in jail on a rape conviction. But he has steadfastly maintained his innocence.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

**CHARLOTTE MURDERERS LEAVE UNENDING QUESTION OF RACE BIAS.** Charlotte, North Carolina is still recovering from the arrest of Henry Louis Wallace. The 28-year-old fast-food restaurant worker has been charged in the killings of 10 black women during a two-year period. The fact that he was able to get away with the murders for so long produced charges of lax police investigative work, because the victims were black. Wallace is also black. Dee Sumpter, whose daughter was one of the

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## Another 'first' for Herbert Tate

by Connie Woodruff

Herbert H. Tate, Jr., former Essex County Prosecutor, returned to public service in New Jersey in a big way last week when he took the oath of office as the first African-American to serve as President of the Board of Regulatory Commissioners.

Governor Christine Todd Whitman, who appointed Tate to the position joining as SRO crowd of Republicans and Democrats to witness history in the making.

The Governor joined two of Tate's long time family friends, Gus Henington (who preceded the affair) and Leonard S. Coleman, the former Commissioner of Community Affairs who's currently President of National League Baseball and others in toasting the honoree and his proud 95 year old grandmother, Mrs. Hortense Tate of Montclair.

Prior to returning to New Jersey last year to work on the Whitman campaign, Tate had been traveling throughout the country as a consultant for environmental projects and programs. His decision to help Ms. Whitman's efforts to unseat Jim Florio proved to be

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# Farrakhan defends his views

by Natalie Bernard

Hundreds of protesters gathered outside the Wilkins Theater to express their opposition to Minister Louis Farrakhan's speech on March 28, at Kean College in Union.

Farrakhan expressed his reaction to the protesters by stating, "If you came to hear that (hate speech) from Farrakhan, oh, you're going to be disappointed."

You should have been protesting hateful speech when we were in our classrooms reading about little black Sambo," he continued.

According to Dave Brown, chair of the event, the PASU invited "Farrakhan to heal the wounds, vindicate the students, and speak the truth."

Farrakhan stated that he came to bring a message of redemption and salvation for black

people in America and thanked the PASU for inviting him.

The minister posed a question to the predominantly black audience addressing the adverse pressure from the college. He asked, "Why should the administration fear anyone who comes with strange ideas and views?"

He replied, by stating his views on higher education. "It seems as though school is another extension of the plantation, where the school master like the slave master knows what is best for our slaves. If slavery is truly ended and this is truly an institution of higher learning, then we should welcome different thoughts, ideas, and viewpoints."

He condemned professors and teachers, asking instructors what did they produce as students and why have they not written and upgraded texts to better education. He stated that the educational system contains a "house

full of intellectual sheep being herded like cattle."

Farrakhan told the students, that they can not build a world by studying art and drama; they should be studying mathematics and science.

The minister stated that he did not like the manner in which Khalid Muhammad spoke when he came to Kean but he said, "Khalid is my brother."

Muhammad came to a college that nobody knew about, now Kean is known all around the world, said Farrakhan.

He told the Jews in the audience that he would not mock them for their characteristics as Muhammad did. "I'm going to tell the truth; you can not escape what you did to an entire people."

He spoke about the conversation that he had with the Jewish Rabbi when they had

dinner. According to Farrakhan, the Rabbi asked him to denounce the book, *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews*, and they would clean his image. His response was that he would denounce the book if the Jews would say that every scholar and Rabbi quoted was a liar. Farrakhan said that the Jews never replied to his statement and he would not "sell-out the black community."

The minister ended with talking about Malcolm X, because of the recent controversy connecting him to Malcolm's death. "Thirty years ago when Malcolm was assassinated, the next day, the *New York Times* headline said, and I quote 'the Apostle of Hate is dead.' And none of the daily newspapers spoke kindly of Malcolm."

The media "raised Malcolm because Farrakhan is a rising star," he continued. Farrakhan described his experience of his split between Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad like a child might experience during a parental breakup. Farrakhan chose to follow Muhammad.

"Malcolm X dealt with human rights, not civil rights; the right of self-determination for black people," said Farrakhan.

Several days before the program, Dr. Eliza Gomez, president of the college released statements about the speech. "Kean College again finds itself the site for expression of opposing ideas, issues, and where we stand."

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City News columnist Connie Woodruff (4th from left) joins New Jersey Secretary of State Lonna Hooks, (6 from left) students, and other readers who participated in 4th Newark City's Celebrity Read program this year.

NEWARK—In February, United Way of Essex and West Hudson conducted its third annual Celebrity Read program in honor of African-American Heritage Month. Celebrity Read consists of volunteer readers who take time out of their day to visit elementary schools in Irvington, East Orange, South Orange, Newark, and Maplewood. During their visits, the readers share passages from books that detail the contributions of people

of color to American History. In addition, readers share some of their own life experiences, and encourage young people to realize their fullest potential. The program brings young people into contact with adults whose position in our community stand as examples to our youth of their own potential to succeed. The "Celebrities" are drawn from all aspects of community life, including business, government, education, the arts, reli-

gion, and the sciences. This year, over 300 celebrity readers reached out to more than 5,000 students in 23 elementary and middle schools in the Newark area. Participants in the program have included Carrie Smith, world renowned jazz singer and star of the Broadway hit *Black and Blue*, former New York Giant Harry Carson, New Jersey Secretary of State Lonna Hooks and U.S. Congressman Donald Payne.

# Newark candidates come out fighting

by Connie Woodruff

The opening debate in the 1994 Newark mayor-council campaign has come and gone.

There were no winners or losers but there was plenty of promise Mayor Sharpe James' bid for a third term will be a battle to the finish.

Bill Payne, brother of congressman Donald Payne, Ras Baraka, a 24-year-old eighth grade teacher at Warren St. School and Dr. Colleen Walker, a podiatrist and South Ward Democratic vice chairperson are determined to make James win another term the old fashioned way. Earn it. Four years ago Newark's energetic chief executive ran unopposed.

About 300 cheering and jeering supporters from the candidates various "camps" packed the meeting hall of the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church for the event sponsored by the Forest Hill Community Association, a mostly non-minority North Ward-based organization.

But because of the limited space or some other reason, there appeared to be very few local residents in the audience attending the two-hour open forum.

James, Payne, Walton and Baraka are an interesting contrast in style, presentation and vision for the future of Newark.

As the incumbent, Mayor James took the high ground, saying he would stand on his record of accomplishment since taking office in 1986.

New affordable housing, keeping businesses and jobs in the city, building recre-

ational centers and development of the downtown area to attract new business and more jobs to the city have helped Newark expand and grow in his eight year administration.

"I didn't become president of the National League of Cities because I was a failure in Newark," he boasted. "A city the size of Newark should not be turned over to first-time politicians who have never been elected to anything."

His opponents vigorously disagreed they are not content with the task.

The 24-year-old Baraka said age has nothing to do with ability, pointing out he is a few years younger than Martin Luther King, Jr. was when he organized and led the 1950's civil rights movement.

Payne said in spite of the mayor's glowing report of his accomplishments the city has been chided for the mismanagement of federal funds, a deterioration of services and a failed school system.

As a mentor of an elementary student in Newark, Payne said other mentors in Newark schools on a regular basis and are appalled at the lack of administrative oversight and lack of learning and teaching in a majority of the school sites.

He also questioned the city policy of granting tax abatements to housing developers and businesses that relocate in Newark.

"While these people who are clearly making a profit on their investments are given tax abatements to increase their margin of profit, hardworking, hardied property owners are socked, expected to absorb huge tax increases to keep the city afloat. I also question how many Newarkers hold the jobs allegedly generated by the investors the mayor brags about."

He said a Payne administration will get rid of employees responsible for the mismanagement of funds, directors who continue to ignore a deterioration of services and those who are part of the problem of a school system that continues to fail its responsibility to teach children.

Dr. Walton had the most stinging rebukes of all the candidates. She has been a resident of Newark for six years and many in the audience were seeing her for the first time. They were not prepared for the diminutive, slight woman who within the past several years has become a frequent agitator and nagger at city council and board of education meetings.

"My candidacy is a crusade," she claims. "My administration would look to bring city government back to the taxpayers."

"We talk about a city that has a 20 percent unemployment rate, we talk about a city that has 35 percent of its population living below the poverty level, we talk about a city where you can't give your house away. It is time for

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## Newark Mayor Sharpe James offers answers to youth crime

by Kaylyn Dines

A youth steals a car and he is shot. Two years later, he stands in court and he is shot again. The youth is Howard Cesar, who through trial and error had not learned from his previous mistake in his hometown, Newark. Therefore, who is to blame for senseless crimes committed by tomorrow's future?

In the Howard Cesar case, is the city of Newark to blame for the actions of this youthful citizen? Are the residents, who become victims for owning cars, in some way to blame? Should the parents be held liable?

Mayor Sharpe James voiced his opinion regarding crime, particularly those committed by youth. "I am not of the opinion that individuals who go out and carjack and steal a car at 2 a.m. and drive at 95 mph through the streets of Newark and neighboring cities are looking for recreation. I think we have to strengthen the family. I think we have to get our young people back into church, back into God. I think we have to make sure that our school systems are working. I think we have to make sure that we have adequate recreation facilities and employment opportunities."

These concerns, said Newark's 35th mayor, are the essential answers to the question, "how do we decrease crime among our youth, particularly in urban areas?"

According to Mayor James, another moral issue was suggested at Newark Center a 24-hour recreation center. If we develop this type of facility, "we're saying, at three o'clock in the morning, if nine-year-olds want to shoot basketball, I would let them do it."

When asked what types of crime-prevention programs are being offered for Newark's youth (the mayor stated, "the question is always posed as what are you going to do for them? And we are doing all that we can and we want to do much more, but that is a two-way street. What is the individual doing for his or herself? What are the parents and loved ones doing for the child?"

"I think the Howard Cesar incident is unfortunate. We have a responsibility as a city to educate, to train, to provide job opportunities, but we can never assume the rightful role and responsibility of parents who must be held accountable and responsible for their children," claims the mayor.

In regards to reducing crime and bullets the mayor said, "No one wins, we all are hurt. We are all crushed, and we are all hurt. While

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## Community Calendar

### NOW THROUGH MAY 12

**NEWARK**—The Society of American Graphic Artists presents an exhibition of 135 prints that represent 66 years of printmaking. Newark Public Library, second and third floor galleries. For more information call 201-733-5643.

### NOW THRU MAY 10

**PLAINFIELD**—Tutor Training Workshop for English as a Second Language Course. Tutors needed for Literacy Volunteers of America program. Located at The Plainfield Public Library. Please call if interested, 908-757-1111.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

**PLAINFIELD**—Plainfield Public Library Film program, at 4 p.m., every Thursday afternoon. The library is located at 8th St. & Park Ave., 908-757-1111.

**NEWARK**—Newark Public Library, Malcolm X Mobilization Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Guest speaker, New York City Activist Sonny Carson, 5 Washington St. Fourth Floor Auditorium. For further information call 201-643-7711.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7-9

**NEWARK**—Third Annual Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. Books, magazines, posters, records Noon to 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 9:30 - 4. For more information call 201-733-7744.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

**MONTCLAIR**—"Anne of Green Gables." Set at the turn of the century, the play features a rich musical score, period costumes and picturesque sets. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Montclair Kimberly Academy, 201 Valley Rd. For more information call 201-744-1717.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

**PLAINFIELD**—ESL Tutor Workshop, 6-9 p.m. Every Tuesday at the Plainfield

For more information call 908-757-1111.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

**NORTH PLAINFIELD**—The Ladies Auxiliary of the Plainfield Gas and Turbine-Verein will hold its annual Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Saenger Hall, 220 Somerset St. Tables may be rented for \$10. For more information please call 908-369-3359.

### APRIL 14-15

**SUMMIT**—"Bead Dazzled," an exciting hands-on workshop using the latest techniques to create beads from glass and other materials. Workshop instructor Kay Bain Weiner, author of several books on glass arts. \$80 per person and \$20 for materials. Call 908-273-9121 for more information.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

**NEWARK**—Raz Baraka, author of "In The Tradition," will give a book signing and lecture from 2-4 p.m. at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. All events are free and open to the public. For more information call 201-733-7765.

**JERSEY CITY**—JCPL presents Latin American Folklore & Song by Felix Pizarro at 9:15 a.m., at the Main Children's Department, 472 Jersey Ave. and at 10:45 a.m., at the Pierona Branch, 308 8th St. For additional information please call 201-547-4381.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

**PLAINFIELD**—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, for a reading of "I Been in the Sonow Kitchen" by Susan Straight. For more information please call 908-757-1111.

**WESTFIELD**—Benefit concert featuring the Newark Boys Chorus at Westfield High School. 4 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance/adults, \$7 for children under 12 and senior citizens. \$12 at the door. For more information call 908-222-4769.

## NJIT students awarded faculty development fellowships



New Jersey Institute of Technology doctoral students Karen Hare of Orange, and David Washington of Newark are the first recipients from NJIT to receive the National Consortium for Educational Access (NCEA) Faculty Development Fellowships. The fellowship is designed to increase minority representation in Ph.D. programs in science, technology, engineering and business, and to encourage more minorities with doctorates to become educators at the college level. Fellows are provided with \$3,000 per year for four years. Hare, 41 was born and raised in Newark. When she graduates in 1996 she will have earned both a master's and doctorate in Computer and Information Science from NJIT. Washington, 28, is originally from Bedford Village, N.Y., also serves as a role model and youth counselor for inner-city, minority youth in New York and New Jersey during his free time. Washington is a Ph.D. candidate in Civil and Environmental Engineering focusing on Geotechnical Engineering.

## Councilman establishes scholarships for students

**NEWARK**—(L-R) Orange South Ward Councilman William R. Lewis presents the first installment of \$2,000, to establish the \$10,000 William R. Lewis Scholarship Fund at New Jersey Institute of Technology, to NJIT Provost Gary L. Thomas and Director of NJIT's Center for Pre-College Programs Howard Kimmel. The scholarship will be awarded to three



South Ward students in September 1994. In order to qualify for the scholarship, a student must be a resident of Orange, have attended the Haywood Avenue School, Our Lady of the Valley or the Forest Street School in the South Ward, have successfully participated in a minimum of two NJIT Pre-College programs, exhibit merit, demonstrate financial need, and meet NJIT admissions criteria.

## COPING

by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

### Black Women Fight Inter-Racial Dating

The following are two interesting and provocative letters that I recently received from readers of my weekly newspaper column:

"Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I have learned a lot from reading your columns, especially the ones that encourage black people. I get angry when I see a black man dating a lady who is not black. It really pisses me off. Black men ought to stay within their own race. I think it is disrespectful to black women when black men date non-black women." Ms. W., Toronto, Canada.

"Dear Dr. Faulkner:

Here is a really ugly experience that I recently had. I was on a date with my fiancée, who is white, at a nice supper club. I am black. Let me tell you about the woman I was out with. She is one of the cheesiest ladies of any color I have ever known. She is beautiful, intelligent, mature and really, really decent. She shows me the most wonderful respect that I have ever experienced. She makes my life complete. While I was enjoying dinner with her, a black lady had the audacity to come to my table and tell me that I ought to be ashamed of myself for being seen in public with a white woman. She said that she felt insulted to see me with this 'devil' (in her words) and that she felt like slapping my face. Then she turned around and left.

I was embarrassed. My date, who is very kind and sensitive, started crying. We had to leave the restaurant, without even eating our dinner. I think that that black woman is a fool to think that she can control my life. I tried to find a compatible black woman years ago, but couldn't. Most black women I have met are too strict and uncompromising in what they want in a man. I couldn't get along with such women. All that we would do is argue. That is why I became engaged to my fiancée. She and I think almost the same way on most issues. What is a black man supposed to do if he cannot find a black woman who is compatible with him? Why shouldn't he date women of other races?" Mr. J., Houston, Texas.

This attitude is not exceptional. Many black women openly express their unhappiness with the current social situation that has produced a society with far fewer black males than black females. The typical belief is that many eligible black males are incarcerated, dead or homosexual. The decrease in the number of eligible black males has diminished the expectations for many black females, of ever developing a close relationship with a black male and eventually getting married. Many black females believe that they have to protect their "turf" and must vehemently direct their antipathy at black males who form personal relationships with non-black women. "They're taking away our men," is an often-heard statement.

"The urgency of the hour calls for leaders of wise judgment and sound integrity—leaders not in love with money, but in love with justice; leaders not in love with publicity, but in love with humanity; leaders who can subject their particular egos to the greatness of the cause."

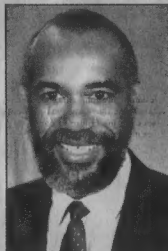
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early victims, summarized the feelings of many black Charlotte residents when she said, "When you look at the race of all the individuals, one can only draw the conclusion that race played a part in how the investigation was handled." But acting police chief Jack Beger, while admitting that the killing of whites gets more coverage in the media, defended his department saying there was nothing to link the killings until four days after the murders. "Robb had a history of ethical and personal problems while North remains tainted by his involvement in the Reagan administration's illegal Iran-Contra operation. Wilder dropped out of the race in January but now says he is giving 'prayerful consideration' to re-entering." RICHMOND, VA

**WILDER MAY RE-ENTER VIRGINIA'S RACE FOR U.S. SENATE:** Virginia's first black governor since Reconstruction, L. Douglas Wilder suggested last week that he may re-enter the race for the U.S. Senate. Currently, the contest appears to be between incumbent Democrat Charles Robb and Trans-Confederate Oliver North. Wilder said the race between the two had become "a laughingstock." Robb had a history of ethical and personal problems while North remains tainted by his involvement in the Reagan administration's illegal Iran-Contra operation. Wilder dropped out of the race in January but now says he is giving "prayerful consideration" to re-entering." RICHMOND, VA

**NEW YORK MAYOR FAILING TO ALLY BLACK FEARS:** Despite public statements and meetings with black business leaders, New York City's recently-elected Republican Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani has failed to ally with African Americans that his administration will roll back gains achieved under the city's first black Mayor David Dinkins. Meeting recently with the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, Giuliani said, "I understand people's disappointment, but I don't want anyone to feel that they are taking a step backward." Nevertheless, chamber president Lloyd Williams said, "There is a sense that this is a racist administration, an insensitive administration." Among Giuliani's actions which angered New York blacks was his failure to name any black deputy mayors and the dismantling of part of an affirmative action program which benefited minority owned businesses. NEW YORK, NY

**MONEY, RACE KILLED BURRIS BID FOR ILLINOIS GOVERNOR:** An analysis of the recent failure of Roland Burris to become the first black governor of Illinois suggests his defeat was due to a lack of money and an inability to sway white town voters. At one point the former state attorney general had a 23-point lead in the polls. But he was out spent by the winner Dan Claitor. "He was unable to get whites outside the Chicago area to vote for him. In addition, the cautious Burris downplayed the race issue and as a result did not get as large a black turnout as expected. Asked if Burris had delivered a dynamic enough message, political consultant Rick Ritter admitted, "Did we define the future very well? Probably not as well as we should have." CHICAGO, IL

**RICHARD PRYOR CONTINUES BATTLE WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS:** Comedian and actor Richard Pryor was in St. Joseph, Missouri last week attending a clinic which teaches persons with multiple sclerosis how to live better. Pryor was first diagnosed with the disease in 1988. Asked how he was doing, Pryor laughed and said, "I'm just trying to stay above ground." ST. JOSEPH, MO

**ANDREW YOUNG RELEASES NEW BOOK:** Former Congressman, United Nations Ambassador and Mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young last week released his new book entitled "A Way Out Of No Way." Young said the book is about how "One man's faith saw him through incredible change." On the subject of change, the former aide to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. added, "Change evolves through the actions of people who courageously respond to the conflict, chaos, violence and hatred around them." The book is currently in bookstores around the nation. ATLANTA, GA

**NATIONAL BLACK BEAUTY PAGERANT SEEKS CONTESTANTS:** Organizers of the first Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pagent have issued an open call for young ladies to participate in what they say will be "the most rewarding black oriented beauty pageant ever held in America." The page event is scheduled for this November in Dallas, Texas. Interested young ladies can obtain registration material from Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65001, Wash., D.C. 20035 by calling 202-319-8451. WASHINGTON, DC

# Blacks and the Big Three

by William Reed

As the African American community drives along its road toward equal participation in America, for today and tomorrow, we need take a long economic look at the country's car companies and note the value in old sayings, like, "Charity begins at home." As America's largest manufacturing employers and number one customers of small businesses, African Americans should pay attention to the fact that from these positions The Big Three drives much of our nation's economic successes.

Chrysler, Ford and General Motors make quality products, and at the same time, support a combined annual U.S. payroll of \$35 billion. With their suppliers and dealers, The Big Three employs 2.3 million Americans in more than 4,000 manufacturing facilities and 18,000 dealerships throughout the United States. America's black car buyers should note that our car companies have reached a point now that nearly three out of every four cars and trucks bought in the U.S. are sold by Chrysler, Ford or General Motors. Today's generation of blacks will gain more participation in tomorrow's economy by noting that the continuation of The Big Three's homebased success story translates into jobs, driving technological innovations and investments in the future. The American auto industry employs 45,000 scientists and engineers and performs nearly 12 percent of the nation's corporate research and development.

While they still have further to go in their overall outreach and social responsibilities, America's car companies are one of the country's leading employers of minorities. In 1992, minorities comprised more than 20 percent of The Big Three's workforce. And, the American auto industry is the biggest customer of minority small businesses, buying more than \$2.5 billion in parts, supplies and services from minority suppliers each year. For example, in 1992 minorities accounted for over 21 percent of General Motors' U.S. workforce. G.M. buys from over 400 of the industry's minority suppliers to the tune of over \$1 billion a year. Ford employs over 100,000 minorities and can point to V.P. Elliott Hall as being one of the highest ranking African Americans among Fortune 500 firms. Chrysler Corporation has a special program to gain minority dealers and spends more than a quarter billion dollars each year with African American suppliers. In the last 20 years many black tire-makers have left the products of Detroit carmakers, but it is not true that in order to accelerate the nation's economy

African-American community and The Big Three have to reciprocate with each other on an even higher level of consumer purchases, jobs, supplier contracts and philanthropy.

According to the African Americans on Wheels publication, over 700,000 blacks will buy a new car in

the next six months and African Americans will have spent over \$13 billion on vehicle purchases in a year's time. The black-oriented car magazine also points out that the African American middle-class spends more than their white counterparts on cars and clothing, however, at the mo-

ment, we export more of our money on these items than we get back. African Americans on Wheels Managing Editor Randi Payton says blacks should support American car companies to protect, and increase jobs and those companies' contributions back to their communities. "In 1992,

Chrysler, Ford and General Motors contributed almost \$100 million to American needs, from education to disaster relief. GM alone contributed over \$38 million to community causes and maintained an equivalent of \$6 million in average daily balances with 94 minority-owned banks," he said.

## C BC presses for Aristide's return to Haiti

by William Reed

ington Owens said, "We are upset, we are indignant and we are declaring war on a racist policy." Owens said the plan is for the kind of comprehensive and mandatory sanctions that Congress imposed on South Africa in 1986 that started a domino effect, forcing the apartheid government to agree to majority rule. Owens' "war" will include mobilizing churches and engaging in civil disobedience, including a national day of protest at federal facilities.

In the Washington press conference, Black Caucus members were surrounded by Jesse Jackson and Randall Robinson, whose TransAfrica lobbying group led protests and legislative actions against South Africa. The congressional group said they were frustrated by the Clinton Administration's dancing around the effort to restore Aristide to power. In a letter to Clinton, and in the legislation introduced in Congress, the Caucus outlined 11 steps it said the administration should take. They include a commercial and trade embargo on Haiti except for food and

medicine, severing all air links to Haiti, denying visas to Haitian refugees and freezing their assets, urging deployment of a multinational border patrol between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which share the island of Hispaniola, to crack down on violations of existing sanctions and halting the interdiction and summary repatriation of Haitian refugees. Black Florida Congressman Carter Meek has another bill that would enable refugees already in the U.S. to return to Haiti to bring their children back (similar to an arrangement made for Cubans).

TransAfrica launched a national campaign to restore Aristide to the presidency in Haiti with a full page ad in the New York Times newspaper. The advertisement cost over \$30,000 and featured the names of over a hundred blacks who are mayors, congressional and state legislature members and civil rights executives, as well as Jewish leaders and movie stars. Names such as Spike Lee, Robert DeNiro, Dionne Warwick, and Blair Underwood were included,

along with Mayors Richard Arrington of Birmingham and Wellington Webb of Denver and Regis Groff, head of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. The ad's caption said: "President Clinton, 3,000 Haitians Slaughtered. Many of Them Our Nation Could Have Saved."

However, TransAfrica's method of delivery was not well received by the Black Press of America. "It's a slap in the face of The Black Press," said Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, publisher of the Washington Informer and a member of the board of directors of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. "While we strongly support the restoration of democracy in Haiti, we find such actions by so-called 'black leaders' foolish and defeating to the issues of black pride, self-development and economic power. If they'd used the money wisely they would have been able to support numerous black newspapers from Washington to New York and gotten their message across in a way that showed that black leaders and its institutions were in partnership."

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## EDITORIAL

### The bootstrap theory

Obviously, the bootstrap theory is alive and well and operating in our various communities. In Newark, we continually see the work of the Donald Jackson Neighborhood Corporation as it labors to restore homes and dignity to Newark's Clinton Hill neighborhood.

In Plainfield, a group called the Friends of Sleepy Hollow are preparing to renovate a train station as part of their efforts to shoulder their share of responsibility for making Plainfield a clean community.

We should all take heed of these two groups and the many more who are willing to do their part for themselves and their community.

There are those who will drive by trash and debris, including some city officials, and not even notice the glaring eyesores. There are those who will drive by and shake their heads in disgust and blame the city and everyone else for letting this happen. Then there are those who will observe the neglect and say, "how can I help to clean it up. Better still, how can I help to raise the level of consciousness to the point where others will join in an effort to keep the community clean and well-kept."

We commend these groups and encourage others to join them or start beautification efforts of your own. It really up to us to see that our cities and towns shine.

### Letters to the editor

## New leadership is very necessary

Dear Editor:

I have attended several Plainfield Board of Education meetings throughout the year. As I sat and watched the awful displays of arrogance and mindless voting patterns emerging on a number of important issues, it became apparent to me that new leadership is badly needed on the Board. If we continue to elect so-called "slates" without regard to assessing each individual candidate's abilities and competence, we will continue to do a disservice to our children.

We need to elect Cecil Vincent to the Plainfield Board of Education. Cecil Vincent is a respected and outspoken community leader in Plainfield. He has devoted his time and energy over the last twelve years to dealing with improving the quality of education in Plainfield. In fact, as so often is the case, there are many people who have now come to appreciate the courageous stands that Cecil took on issues involving the accountability of the Superintendent and other top administrative staff and fiscal responsibility and improving the achievement levels of our students. Cecil Vincent has a public record to be proud of!

When you go to cast your vote on Tuesday, April 19, 1994, look for Cecil Vincent's name on the ballot—Line 5. We can help the process of turning the chaos and incompetence around, if we elect a person who we all know will best represent us. Cecil Vincent is the right choice for the people of Plainfield to serve on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Tracey Cox

## Board candidate complains about misuse of school property

Dear Dr. Frye:

This letter is to formally lodge a complaint about the use of the Plainfield High School facility by the executive body of the Plainfield Education Association (PEA).

On Thursday March 18, 1994, the executive body of the PEA, in particular, Mr. Tom Fallaco, convened a meeting of all the PTO/PTA presidents and PEA representatives at Plainfield High School. At this meeting, a slate comprised of three candidates: Mr. Smiley, Mr. T. Fallaco and Mr. Richards that supposedly received the endorsement of the executive body of the PEA, were introduced and allowed to make brief presentations.

Although I have no objection to PEA endorsing any particular candidates running for the Board of Education, I do have a problem with Mr. Fallaco using a public facility for electioneering purposes. If Mr. Fallaco wanted to present PEA endorsed candidates to the PTO/PTA presidents and representatives, then he should have used the PEA offices for this occasion. Instead, he chose to use Plainfield High School, which is a public facility supported by the Plainfield taxpayers. In view of this, I believe that an invitation should have been extended to all of those candidates to attend in order to give them an opportunity to introduce themselves and present their views.

I would like to know if the PEA was authorized by the district to use Plainfield High School facilities for this purpose and why other candidates were not invited to participate in this meeting? Please investigate this matter and publicly state the findings.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to these requests, since the findings may determine if any election laws were violated, thereby necessitating possible legal action. Thank you.

Mr. Cecil Vincent

Candidate for Plainfield Board of Education



by Connie Woodruff

Governor Christine Todd Whitman does not have to look hard to find a candidate to replace Dick Leone as chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Henry (Hank) Henderson, CEO of H.F. Henderson Industries, the first and only African-American Commissioner in the Authority's history is a perfect choice for the position.

The West Paterson resident and Caldwell businessman was appointed by Gov. Kean 11 years ago and has a near-perfect record of attendance, by having missed only four meetings in more than a decade, and then only when he was on a fact-finding mission for the Port Authority or the state.

In length of service, Henderson is now the senior commissioner and currently chairs the important Audit Committee considered the "most critical of the obligations" exercised by commissioners with the single exception of the responsibilities of the chairman.

Except for certain political considerations or a gubernatorial preference, Henderson, who has served on the Construction and Business Opportunity committees; as the vice-chair of the chair of the Operations and Port Planning committees, is the governor's answer to who the next chairman should be and can be, if familiarity with the workings of the Authority is the key-

to its successful and continuation and progress.

Hank Henderson is a unique combination of qualification and quality. He graduated from The State University of New York Agricultural and Mechanical Institute in 1950 and holds numerous degrees in Doctor of Laws from Kean College and Doctor of Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology.

He formerly chaired the N.J. District Export Council and the Essex County Economic Development Corp., and is a member of the Paterson Economic Development Corp. and Council on the New Jersey Affairs at Princeton.

He is a director of General Public Utilities, the Delta Dental Plan of N.J., Inc., N.J. State Chamber of Commerce, Partnership for New Jersey and Stevens Institute of Technology.

H.F. Henderson Industries was founded in 1954 and is considered one of the top 100 minority companies in the U.S., specializing in the design and manufacturing of complex electrical systems. Under Henderson's direction, a division of military electrical systems and hardware was added to the base of industrial production. The two divisions are considered models of success and have won the company and its founder numerous awards and honors from professional, governmental and community groups.

He has traveled extensively on fact-finding missions in China, Europe, Russia, Australia, South America and the Caribbean, including visits to numerous military installations with the Defense Orientation Conference Association.

What more is needed to convince Governor Whitman the man for the job of chairman of the Port Authority is in her own backyard?

Will the about-to-be-formed Women's Democratic Coalition of Essex County make a difference for females seeking a greater role in Party politics?

The women who are pushing hard for the organization are convinced they will be able to attract and involve a broad spectrum of Democratic women by organizing themselves as a group to educate, train and assist women seeking active involvement in politics and government in the county and state.

The "steering committee" is comprised of women office holders, former female candidates and grassroots political activists who are sending invites to all interested women to attend an April 28 meeting at the Bloomfield Civic Center at 8 p.m.

Spokespersons for the group (that will elect officers at another time) include Sheila Y. Oliver, Bonnie Blume-Goldman and Cathie Persley Seidman.

The candidates for mayor of Newark will met for a second round of debates at the Osborne Terrace branch of the Newark Public Library, on April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsors will be the South Ward club of the Essex County Young Democrats headed by Ronald Rice, Jr.

"We're making an effort to bring

the elections in Newark and other parts of the county into the neighborhoods of voters," Rice said. "While the municipal elections are non-partisan in most communities we feel it is necessary to have the leadership in encouraging voters to hear candidates speak on the issues. One way is to bring the campaigns and the candidates to the voters." Noting that three of the four mayoral candidates, Mayor Sharpe James, Bas Baraka and Dr. Colleen Walton are South Ward residents. The fourth candidate is William "Bill" Payne.

Political insiders are insisting that East Ward (Newark) councilman Henry (Hank) Martinez will oppose Armando Fontoura for the Sheriff in the Democratic Primary. Like Fontoura, Martinez comes out of the Newark Police Dept. He was on leave while serving on the municipal Council.

Friends of Laurie West Stalks insist she is ready, willing and physically able to continue serving as Essex County Register and will be announcing her intention to run for another five-year term shortly.

"If Laurie has been missed from time to time," said a staunch supporter, "it's because she is helping her husband, Fred, recuperate after hospitalization."

It is reliably reported that Freeholder president Sara Bost had an extremely "successful fund-raiser in her bid to become mayor of Irvington."

## A day of action against violence

by Marian Wright Edelman

On April 5, 1968 in Cleveland, Ohio, the day after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, Robert F. Kennedy spoke "about the mindless menace of violence in America which against our will and every one of our lives. It is not," he said, "the concern of any one race, the victims of the violence are black and white, rich and poor, young and old, famous and unknown. They are most important of all, human beings, who other human beings loved and needed. No one—no matter where he lives or

what he does, can be certain who will suffer from some senseless act of bloodshed. And yet, it goes on and on and on in this country of ours." Since Dr. King's death, Robert Kennedy and 800,000 men, women, and children have been killed by guns. Everyday in America, six black children die of violence in America, 1,118 black teenagers are victims of violent crime, and 151 black children are arrested for crimes of violence. Never before has our country seen or permitted the epidemic of gun death and violence that is turning our communities into fearful armed camps and sapping the lives and hopes of so many of our children. Never have we seen such a dangerous domestic armory. Never has America permitted

children to run on guns and gangs rather than parents and neighbors for protection and love or pushed so many onto the tumultuous sea of life without the life vests of nurturing families and communities, challenged minds, job prospects, and hope. This is not the dream that Dr. King spoke of 30 years ago. This is a modern nightmare that must end today.

The assassination of Dr. King symbolizes the tremendous loss our communities face daily as a result of the violent deaths of so many of our children and youths. To commemorate the 26th anniversary of his death, the young people of the Black Student Leadership Network (BSLN) are organizing a National Day of Action Against Violence on April 4th. The Day of Action will be the first of many activities coordinated by the BSLN in local communities to address the social and economic ills reflected through acts of violence. On this day, the 600 plus members of BSLN are encouraging young people to organize speak-outs on violence, candle-light vigils for neighborhood victims of gun violence, teach-ins on the gun industry, and a variety of other activities.

In order to create lasting solutions to the epidemic of violence, BSLN members are asking young people of all backgrounds to join in this effort. BSLN Field Director Lisa Sullivan explains: "In order to stop violence against children, the BSLN's anti-violence campaign must involve everyone—children, youth, and young adults in meaningful activities and actions that address the underlying causes of violence."

The April 4th event is an opportunity for youth and adults to talk and

begin to work hand-in-hand to find solutions to a crisis that has devastated communities across America. The day emphasizes the need for young people to be empowered politically, educationally, and economically in order to end the violence that is plaguing our communities. This kind of youth leadership could not be more appropriate. Young people led many of the key battles in the civil rights struggles of the '60s. Their energy, determination, and dream for a just society better made students and young adults a driving force in the fight for social equality and justice. We never once believe we might fail or that there was anything we couldn't achieve if we worked hard and bonded together. It will make our generation's commitment again in the '90s plus the commitment of a new generation of young servant-leaders to address the epidemic poverty and violence that is tearing at the fabric of our communities. It is time to rebuild the bridges between young and old and develop a united political and social force on behalf of our struggling black children and their families. Only through an intergenerational pledge to advocacy and service can we make Dr. King's promise of a better life for our children a reality.

For more information about the Black Student Leadership Network visit BSLN, 25 "E" St., N.W., Washington, DC 20001 or call 1-800-ASK-BCCC, and ask for the Black Student Leadership Network.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children, and a leader of the Black community Crusade for Children.

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**  
MORRISTOWN—Morristown-Bearse school invites parents and prospective students in grades 5 through 12 to an Open House and Tour from 1-3 p.m. Parents wishing to attend may make reservations by calling 201-539-3032.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**  
PLAINFIELD—Annual Week of The Young Child Parade. Starting at 1 p.m. from the steps of City Hall on Watchung Ave. The Parade will end at Madison Square where everyone will listen to the Mayors' Proclamation. For more information call 908-756-7788.

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## YMCA celebrates healthy kids day

**PLAINFIELD**—On April 23, the Plainfield Area YMCA and the YMCAs across the country will celebrate the third national YMCA "Healthy Kids Day."  
The day will be a celebration of good health for the community, but it will also have a serious message: Many children and their families could be healthier.  
According to a 1993 Monitor study conducted by YankeeVick Partners, getting enough exercise is (Continued on page 6)

## April 15 deadline for Financial Aid

**TRENTON**—Students and families awaiting financial aid forms for the 1994-95 academic year should proceed as in the past in meeting the April 15th filing deadline.  
The New Jersey Department of Higher Education will continue to administer all student assistance programs for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30. On July 1, all loans, grants, and pending applications would be moved intact to the Department of Treasury under Governor Whitman's higher education restructuring plan.  
"I want to assure all families that financial aid will not be harmed in any way by my proposal," said Whitman. "New Jersey's system of higher education," Whitman said. "These programs will continue without missing a beat."  
The Governor said that while her proposal calls for student assistance programs to shift departments, they would not diminish in staff or funding. In fact, Whitman's Fiscal Year 1995 budget proposes a \$37 million increase in student financial aid support.  
"We have a strong financial aid record and we want to make it even better," Whitman said. "As we move ahead with our plans, we will seek the advice of the people who know the system best—parents, students, counselors, and the department staff. There is no reason New Jersey should not have the best system of financial aid in the country."

The department of Higher Education administers the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), Tuition Aid Grants (TAG), New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS), Garden State Scholarships, Edward J. Blaustein Distinguished Scholarship, Urban Scholar Awards, the Public Tuition Benefits Program, Martin Luther King Physician-Dentist Scholarships, Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarships, and C. Clyde Ferguson Loan Scholarships, as well as federal assistance programs such as Stafford Loans, Supplemental Loans for students (SLs), and parent PLUS loans.

**NEWARK**—The New Jersey Youth Corps of Newark, administered by International Youth Organization (IYO), has embarked on an exciting new project which will enable corps members to effect positive change in Newark, by participating in a mural beautification and anti-graffiti pilot project.

Building upon earlier beautification efforts of IYO and others, this project offers the opportunity to transform the way Newarkers look at their city. In many areas of the city an abundance of litter coupled with an absence of flora (or anything else aesthetically pleasing) contribute to form a bleak, desolate landscape that offers little comfort or inspiration to neighborhood residents. Graffiti merely reinforces this negative image. This project serves to couple the desire for community renewal with the talents and ideas of young people to beautify and invigorate Newark's urban villages.

This project is supported by The Prudential Foundation, Newark Fighting Back partnership (NFB), the City of Newark, and the NJ Department of Education and will provide corps members, young people ages 16-25 who are preparing to get a high school equivalency diploma, the opportunity to acquire first hand experience in community outreach, team work, and

neighborhood revitalization.

The New Jersey Youth Corps is bringing together community residents and professional artists to plan, design, and paint five murals in Newark. These five murals will be placed on high visibility sites in areas of the city where graffiti is a chronic problem. As a direct result areas previously covered with graffiti and debris may become beacons of local creativity and community renewal.

Another goal of this project will be to imbue neighborhood residents with a service ethos leading to a marked decrease in despair, drugs, and decadence.  
In order to complete each mural, the New Jersey Youth Corps and NFB will undertake a series of steps to ensure that community residents are involved in helping to select mural sites and designs which can be implemented in a timely and organized manner. These steps include organizing outreach efforts to solicit community involvement in the project, participating in community meetings to select mural site and design, as well as to discuss the negative aspects of graffiti vandalism, preparing the site for the mural, and implementing the mural design. For further information about the project please call Mr. Eldadio Negron at 201-621-1135.

## Newark ACT-SO youths headed for Chicago

**NEWARK**—Youths from the Newark Branch NAACP swept the Afro Academic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Olympics (ACT-SO) recently, garnering 22 medals in categories ranging from Computer Science to Filmmaking.  
Thirty eight students representing the Newark branch competed with 135 students in the northern regional competition from schools in Paterson, Morristown, Montclair, Teaneck, Orange, Hackensack and Summit. This was the first year the state was split into regions due to the overwhelming response from students.

One of the medalists, Kyried Zahir a senior at Arts High, who won a gold medal in both painting and photography, noted, "I knew how to make my presentation better this year. I was prepared." Zahir won a bronze medal for painting in last year's competition.  
Marvin Waterman, a gold medalist in Computer Science impressed his judges with his project, so much that they unanimously recommended him copying his program material. Waterman is a sophomore at University High.  
"Thank you all especially my mother," exclaimed Kamu Mimy, a junior at Arts High, who received a gold medal in Drama and a silver medal in Dance.

Other gold medalists included: Nicole Tucker of University High who has won a medal in several categories for the last three years and was a 1993 national medal winner in Architecture. This year, Tucker received her gold medal in Original Essay, Nikita Steele of University High, Poetry, Josine Lawrence, Benedictine Academy, Filmmaking, Kim Ellis of Arts High, Sculpture.  
Silver medalists were: Timothy Simmons, Arts High, Drawing and Painting; Greg Thomas, Arts High, Sculpture, Aquella Bell, University High School, Playwriting.

Bronze medalists were: Khalilah Goins, Arts High, Drama, Nicole Tucker, University High, Poetry; Natalie Davis, Arts High, Architecture; Rashauana Almeida, St. Vincent's Academy, Original Essay;

Rudolph Porterfield, Arts High, Painting; Losina Lawrence, Sculpture; Edson Legree, University High, Photography; Timika Walton, St. Vincent's Academy, Music vocal; temporary; and Charisse Nell, Chad Science Academy, Filmmaking.

The Newark ACT-SO program was initiated three years ago and since then, Newark students have become a major force in the statewide program. In their first year of participation, students received 13 medals. In their second year, 22 medals with one student becoming a national winner.

ACT-SO is a major project of the National NAACP designed to recognize the academic and cultural excellence of African-American youths. Although a competition is held, an major goal is to mobilize the adult community for the promotion of classroom and after-school excellence among African-American students.

Last year, the mentor component of ACT-SO was introduced and was expanded this year, enabling officials to recruit at least 15 professional mentors who voluntarily worked with the students for two months on Sundays at UMDNJ prior to the competition.

Participating students were recruited through the Newark schools, the Newark community and the Consortium for Pre-College Education in Newark, a collaborative program consisting of New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, the Newark Board of Education and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

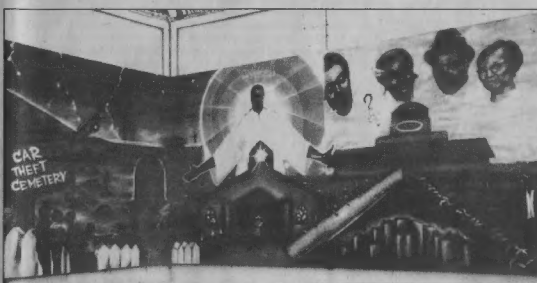
The competition is conducted in the fields of sciences/mathematics, performing arts and visual arts. Students winning gold medals will be eligible to compete on the national level during the second week of July at the annual NAACP convention this summer in Chicago.

A showcase honoring all the participating students and their mentors will be held in May as a fund-raiser to send students to the national competition. For additional information about the ACT-SO program, call 201-596-0538.

Bronze medalists were: Khalilah Goins, Arts High, Drama, Nicole Tucker, University High, Poetry; Natalie Davis, Arts High, Architecture; Rashauana Almeida, St. Vincent's Academy, Original Essay; Debbie Myers, president of the board of education, and Lance Rozsa, the high school principal were keynote speakers.

"Young people are often not aware of the many different types of jobs they can aspire to," stated Dr. "Carous" Day. "The program broadens their viewpoint. It stimulates students to begin planning a career path early instead of waiting until they are seniors." Guest speakers included representatives from area of auto repair, computer programming, corporate executives and actors.

## Newark youth create 'wall of beauty'



One of several murals painted to get rid of graffiti in the International Youth Organization's Anti-Graffiti pilot project. Photo by Brett Worthen.

## Science High School continues reign as state debate champions

**NEWARK**—The Science High School Debate Team continues its reign as state debate champions after an impressive showing during the recent State Forensic Tournament. This is the twelfth consecutive year that Science High School has held the state championship for the Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate or both. The second place winner, Caesar captured fourth from 40 other districts across the state.

The team also won the overall sweepstakes trophy for the third consecutive year, earning a score of 147 points. The second place winner, Bergenfield, scored 69 points.

Brent Farrand, the head coach for the team and a math and computer teacher at Science High School, said this is the team's most successful year to date. "We've always had very successful debate teams, but this year, we did exceptionally well. I credit the students who worked hard to keep their titles. I also credit the coaches who spent an enormous amount of time with the kids. I'm very proud of

all of them."

Two teams from Science High school captured three of the four top awards in varsity policy debate and won state championships. Havier Nazario and David Murray won the second round against Bergenfield High school. Jose Caceres and Fernando Acevedo emerged in third place and Michael Wiley and Hassan Caesar captured fourth in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Science swept the competition at the junior varsity level in Policy Debate with teams from the school winning first, second and third places. The teams of Jose Vera and Justin Conyers along with Jose Rosa and Glynis Caceres were co-champions on the state level. Sheeran Bailey and Nicole Barcliff won third place.

In the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Amethyst Cuycong, won the state championship in the novice category. Melissa Cooper placed second at the varsity level. Science High School will represent New Jersey in the national finals in Policy Debate to be held in June in Kansas, City Missouri.

## Participants needed for Miss NJ and Teen USA

**EAST BRUNSWICK**—Registration has officially opened for young women who will be between the ages of 15 and 19 as of July 1, 1995 and 18 and 27 as of February 1, 1995, for participation in the Miss New Jersey USA & Teen USA 1995 Pageants.

Judging is based on three equal categories, consisting of Personality Interview, Evening Gown and Swimsuit. The three day event will be held on Friday to Sunday, September 2-4, 1994 (Labor Day Weekend) at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel at Meadowlands Plaza, E. Rutherford, NJ.

Contestants must be single, a U.S. citizen and a state resident for at least six months.

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## Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

**JERSEY CITY**—The Pilgrim Pilgrimage of Chicago Illinois in a Gospel Musical Concert 7 p.m. at the Corinthian Baptist Church, 132 Bergen Ave. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For information call Ticket Out-Door's Recording at 201-434-1616.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

**MORRISTOWN**—Second Annual Spirituality Convocation 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the College of St. Elizabeth. Eighteen single session workshops. For information call 201-292-0305.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22-MARCH 22

**NEW YORK**—National Black Theatre continues its 25th Anniversary season with "The Legacy," 7:30 p.m., 2033 Fifth Ave. New York, between 125th & 126th Streets. For ticket information call 212-722-3800.

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## BUILD WEALTH WITH A SEVEN-STEP INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Investing is key to building financial security. Despite its importance, not every individual in order to carry out wise investment decisions. Plus, you can start a financial security plan right now without much money. The key point is that if financial security is your goal, you must get started right now with proper strategies.

**#1 - A SAVINGS ACCOUNT** This is the starting point. The primary benefit of a savings account is not the rate of return but instilling financial discipline. The saving habit is the first step to financial security. The only way to save on a consistent basis is to adopt a "pay yourself first" plan. In other words, you treat your savings account as a "bill" which must be paid every time you get paid. And your goal is to save 10% of everything you earn.

**#2 - A MONEY-MARKET ACCOUNT** Once you have saved at least \$1,000, it is time to invest for a money market account. Money market accounts or savings and loan. A money market account is invested in short-term, low-risk government and corporate IOUs. They pay a higher return than what you get in a savings account and they are safe.

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Again, the basic points are get started, begin with safe, liquid investments like savings accounts and money market funds, then expand to certificates of deposits and home ownership. Finally, start taking a few chances by directly investing in a growing business enterprise where you can realize the greatest profits. For more detailed guide on proper investment steps send for "Building Wealth With Small Investments" (\$4.00 to cover postage and handling) from the non-profit Better Life Club of America, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, DC 20038.

**#7 - INVEST IN INFORMATION!** Whether you send for the above guide or mother, you need get proper information. Having proper information is half the battle. Remember: Those people getting rich today are not more intelligent than you, they simply have information you do not have and they decided to take a chance.

## House of Prayers holds Jazz Vespers

**NEWARK**—Beginning Sunday, April 10, a series of "Jazz Vespers" will be conducted at the House of Prayer Episcopal Church in downtown Newark.

Featuring professional musicians and vocalists from the metropolitan area, the programs will begin at 5 p.m. in the historic brownstone church. The opening service will feature Grachan Moncur III, a composer and trombonist who's performed with the Ray Charles Orchestra.

Rev. Bernard Healy, rector of the House of Prayer, said the programs will include hymns, prayers, scripture readings, and meditations by clergy and community residents. "The idea is to reach out to a segment of the population who might not be involved in church," said Healy.

"There has not been a jazz ministry in Newark since 1978 and it has been missed by a number of people," explained Keyboardist and choir director Forrest Drennen. "Jazz musicians tend to be spiritual people but they are

not always able to be up at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The jazz ministry offers opportunities for worship, fellowship, marriages and funerals. And listeners can hear the music without alcohol or other distractions."

"For the musicians, it is a place where there are no cash registers ringing and people screaming—a place where you can play what you want to play."

No admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken to help cover expenses. Some of the future programs will be benefits for community organizations.

The first soloist, Moncur, is a native and resident of Newark who is popular in Europe as well as the United States.

The second program, a benefit for the Greater Newark Conservancy on April 17, will feature localists Honey Gordon and Pianist Wayne Smith. For further information please call 201-483-8202.

### Community

## Health Security Act: more choices

by Risa Luvizzone-Moure, M.D.

Choice is one of the guiding prin-

ciples that President Clinton has said he will not compromise. In the African American community choice has two meanings — being able to choose your source of care and having more than one source from which to choose. Too many African American communities suffer from shortages of doctors, nurses, clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, and other health care organizations. Some communities have only a single provider.

The result is that members of the community do not have any choice of provider. This situation is unacceptable and demands correction.

Equally unacceptable is being denied the choice of provider because an employer or bureaucrat assigns you to a particular health plan.

Only 29% of people receiving health insurance through large employers have more than three plans to choose from. This is a problem because the doctor or hospital that you want may not be in one of those plans meaning you can't see the provider you want. Most small businesses don't offer any choice of plan. To really provide choice for African American communities both of these issues must be addressed. This is exactly what the Health Security Act does.

President Clinton's proposal builds on the well established trend of providing health care through integrated, managed health plans. The health plan will be composed of doctors, hospitals, nurses, pharmacies and other health care organizations needed to deliver the comprehensive benefits that will be guaranteed to every American.

The alliance will guarantee you a choice of a variety of health plans. You will be provided with information on the price of the plan, the names and locations of the providers and the performance of the plan on quality measures such as consumer satisfaction. Then, you will choose the plan that meets your needs. Every family will make its own choices. Employers won't choose your source of health care, nor will Medicaid officers, or state officials — you will.

If you want a particular doctor, you will choose the health plan to

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## Steering toward healthier babies

**ORANGE**—Hospital employees will be some of the many industry representatives walking for healthier New Jersey babies at the 24th March of Dimes WalkAmerica on April 24. Hospital Center at Orange, led by Tom Henderson, director of public affairs and a resident of Orange, is taking the lead in health services by fostering a WalkAmerica hospital challenge throughout North Jersey. Pictured with Tom Henderson, who is also the chairman of WalkAmerica in Essex County, is March of Dimes National Ambassador, Neil Burch of Cincinnati, Ohio. Neil, and his six-year-old twin sister Jacquelin Burch, were born three months premature and their combined weight was less than 4 pounds. The twins travel the country to raise awareness about the March of Dimes mission, WalkAmerica, and other activities, programs and services. Jacquelin and Neil are the first twins selected to represent the country's thousands of miracle children who are healthy as a result of March of Dimes research and programs—which are funded by events like WalkAmerica. For more information about WalkAmerica and the March of Dimes, call 1-800-BIG-WALK.

## Plainfield friends meeting holds talks sessions

**PLAINFIELD**—The Plainfield Friends Meeting, is sponsoring a series of talks and forums which are being held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The talks will focus on issues which face the local communities and address possible avenues for action within the community.

The next meeting entitled "The Hidden Value of Conflict in Our Community," will be presented by the American Friends Service Committee. The AFSC is a Quaker organization which has worked with people on all sides of conflict for over 75 years.

Staff members from the New Jersey and New York offices will share insights, techniques, and experience

in the practice of conflict resolution and creative problem solving. Representatives from the Immigrant Rights and the Criminal Justice Programs will also relate their experience and will give examples of using conflict resolution in those particular areas.

The talk session will be followed by a question and answer session, and will run from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 9th at the Plainfield Friends Meeting House. The Meeting house is located at Watching Avenue and 3rd Street, next door to the Post Office. For further information please call 757-5736. Refreshments will be served.

## Health Calendar

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

**NEWARK**—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing, Mon - Fri 9-6 p.m. Sat 9-4 p.m. Newark Community Health Centers, 101 Ludlow St. Call 201-565-0355 for appointment, or Plainfield Health Center at 908-753-6401.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 - APRIL 21

**PLAINFIELD**—Diabetes: You're In Control! 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings. The course is offered for persons with Type 1 and II diabetes and covers research updates, weight control, exercise, and more. For more please information call 908-668-2575. Pre-registration is required.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

**GREENBROOK**—American Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by The Greenbrook Baptist Church, 170 Greenbrook Rd. from 3-8:30 p.m. for more information call 908-494-1117.

**NORTH PLAINFIELD**—American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by The Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 170 Greenbrook Rd. from 3-8:30 p.m., for more information please call 908-494-1117.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

**HAMILTON**—The Arthritis Foundation, NJ Chapter, will have a free training workshop for new "Arthritis Self-Help Course," from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hamilton Hospital. For more information call 908-283-4300.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

**JERSEY CITY**—USA + MS Walk for Multiple Sclerosis. Food, fun and fitness at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Minimum pledge of \$25. For more info call 201-964-6667.

**FLEMINGTON**—1994 MS Walk, starting at the Liberty Village Family Outlets at 7:30 a.m. Walkers on the Flemington Rt will return to Liberty Village for refreshments and aerobic demonstrations. Call 908-782-9550 for more information.

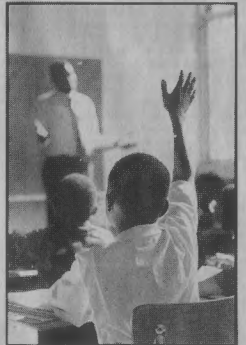
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## City-wide graffiti clean-up to kick-off Spring campaign

**NEWARK**—Edwin McLucas, director of Newark's Department of Land Use Control, recently announced that a dawn-to-dusk, week-long city-wide graffiti clean-up effort is in effect now through Sunday, April 10.

According to McLucas, the City of Newark has joined forces with Improve Newark, Inc., Newark Realtors, the Student Conservation Association, the International Youth Organization and the Newark Back Inc., in efforts to remove graffiti from the City's neighborhoods.

"I commend each and every volunteer in this clean up effort," Mayor James stated. "A city is often judged by its cleanliness and the 'Improve Newark' program has worked hard to promote a positive image for Newark. We have scored so many successes through partnerships. With this clean-up campaign, we are joining together to spruce up our City."

Code Enforcement Officers from the Division of Inspections and En-

forcement, in their daily assignments, are listing buildings marred by graffiti and are recommending them for the clean-up.

McLucas noted, "those who deface the property of others demonstrate a lack of respect and sacrifice the dignity of our neighborhoods and major corridors." McLucas said.

Donna Seay, chairperson of Improve Newark, Inc., stated, "It is time for all of us to say 'enough is enough.' We need to send a clear message to graffiti vandals that we will not tolerate this willful destruction any longer. This visual pollution undermines the morale of entire communities; even new homes and cars are being targeted."

The Mayor encouraged area businesses and community groups to donate paint, brushes, buckets, roller handles, sleeves and gloves to assist in the graffiti clean-up effort. For more information or to participate in the program, contact Donna Seay at 201-733-5378.

## Healthy kids

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the second most pressing health concern noted by 51 percent of Americans, who participated in the study, while maintaining the right weight is cited by 53 percent. Unfortunately, the most recent Baxter Survey of American Health Habits reveals that adults failed to improve their health behavior for the third straight year. And for the second year in a row, the American Health Foundation has given the nation a C for its ability to keep kids and teens mentally and physically healthy.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day will help offer activities and games designed to educate kids while entertaining them. Events will teach families how to live healthier lives and improve the health of their communities. Participants will learn how to plan more nutritional meals, how to protect the environment, and how to incorporate physical activity in their lives.

Participants will be given a variety of materials, including a parenting tip booklet, a family environmental checklist and a healthy family cookbook. For further information please call 908-756-0606.





# CITY LIFE

## Poet Laureate Rita Dove on poetry and power



**NEW YORK**—In the next edition of *Bill Moyers' Journal*, premiering on Friday April 22 at 9 p.m. on PBS, Poet Laureate Rita Dove, will discuss her life, work, the relationship between poetry and power and her plans to take poetry to the people. The one hour program entitled *Poet Laureate Rita Dove* features the acclaimed poet reading extensive selections from her works (including her Pulitzer Prize-winning collection *Thomas and Beulah*) in performance before an audience at Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival. Photo by Frederick Viabahn.

## AHN Presents Mahogany

### A Springtime tribute to love



**NEW YORK**—The African Heritage Movie Network (AHN) presents, *Mahogany* as the April "Movie of the Month"—a Springtime Tribute to Love. AHN, hosted by Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, showcases the glamorous Diana Ross and handsome Billy Dee Williams in one of the most watched movies on television. *Mahogany* airs Sunday April 24, on WABC TV at 11:30 p.m. *Mahogany* is the story of Tracey Chambers (Diana Ross) a young, ambitious black girl from the south side of Chicago who evolves from rags to riches by achieving her goal as a sensation in the fashion industry. Tracey, discovered by an international photographer, Sean Avoy (Anthony Hopkins), becomes the hottest model in Europe with the pseudonym "Mahogany". After realizing the short comings of her photographer as well as how much loneliness success brings, Tracey returns home to her true love Brian (Billy Dee Williams) whom she left behind in Chicago to pursue her career. Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures.

## Billboard

NOW THRU APRIL 24

**METUCHEN**—Forum Theatre Group presents, "Splitting Images," a musical about a grandfather and grandson celebrating personal pride, education, and love within the family. Performances March 30 & 31. For ticket information call 908-548-0582.

APRIL 2 - MAY 8

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—"Home," Sammi-Art Williams' lyrical tale of a gentle farmer's spiritual journey from his roots in a Southern Hamlet. For more information call 908-249-5590.

APRIL 4-9

**NEW YORK CITY**—Zinno Bar & Restaurant presents, Sonny Fortune - Saxophone, Ronnie Matthews - Piano, Santi Debranno - Bass. Located on West 13 St. Call 212-924-5182 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

**PLAINFIELD**—Tal Farlow, master guitarist will give a public performance at the Plainfield Public Library. 7 p.m. Located at 8th St. and Park Ave. Free and open to the public, call 908-757-1111 for information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7-8

**NEW YORK**—The Golden Glove Finals. Spectacular two day amateur boxing event, featuring different weight classes each night. 7:30 p.m. at The Paramount. Tickets are \$10-30. Call 212-465-MSG1 for more information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

**MADISON**—The Louis Gordon Jazz Trio appears at FDU's "Cafe Musique" at 8 p.m. followed by live dance music. For reservations and more information call 201-593-8620.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Single Mingle Night at Crossroads Theatre Company. "HOME" will make you laugh and cry all the way home. For more information call 908-249-5581.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

**MONTCLAIR**—"Forces of Nature," will perform at Montclair High School at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained by calling The Woodson Foundation, at 201-242-8110.

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## The Scoop

by Janice Malone

**HIGH FLYING JOCK?** It is true that Tom Joyner, a.k.a. "The Fly Jock," had the honor of flying on Air Force One with the President? Our sources say that after interviewing Tipper Gore, Joyner flew back from Washington, D.C. to Dallas with the First Family, when the President attended his brother's wedding. Our sources further report that Tom had a good time while on board. They claim that he was more than helping himself to those tasty and tangy lemon head candies. Yum, yum for Tom! Now for the not so good news. One of our sources says that Joyner and his wife are reportedly considering a break-up. "The Scoop" hopes that this isn't so. The couple has been married for over 20 years. By the way, if Tom's flown on Air Force One with the First Family, does that mean we now have to refer to him as "The First DJ?"

**BUCKS FOR THE BOYZ?** Mighty music man Tommy Motola reportedly offered mega-savvy winning group Boyz II Men \$2 million to help his production company scout and develop new music acts.

**ICE TEA'S STILL HOT:** Controversial rapper, actor and activist Ice Tea is enjoying the success of new book "The Ice Opinion." Ice says the book was written to inspire poverty stricken blacks in America, to show them they can achieve. The book has been translated into several different languages. Ice was in Chicago recently and had over 200 fans show up at a Chicago area bookstore. Ice plans on touring with Ice Cube and Public Enemy later this summer.

**GILL'S THRILLED:** Singer Johnny Gill is singing the praises of his fans in Japan. One of our sources, who's a record company executive, reports that Gill's music sells in Japan at twice the rate it does here in the U.S.

**ALBRIGHT'S ALL RIGHT:** Jazz saxophonist Gerald Albright has a new album out—"Smooth" (Atlantic Records). Some of the guest artists singing on it are Lalah Hathaway, Vesta Williams and Howard Hewitt. Gerald has also been a key figure in the on-going activities of Institute For Black Parenting, an L.A.-based adoption and foster care agency. He's been a sponsor and spokesman for the organization and plans to do a fundraiser for them sometime this year.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO A LEGEND:** The all-star album "All Men Are Brothers: A Tribute To Curtis Mayfield" (Warner Bros.), has become an international success story. The album featuring 17 songs of Mayfield's greatest hits, performed by some of the top names in R&B and Pop/Rock music. Mayfield is currently paralyzed from the neck down, after a lightning bolt hit him in the back in 1990. The accident occurred just minutes before he was about to go on stage. The good news is that the royalties from the artists and producers who worked on the tribute album, will be paid directly to Mayfield. But Warner Bros. took it further by arranging for an additional royalty to be paid to the legendary star. "I'm deeply touched by all this," said Curtis, "but I wouldn't feel right unless I could pass some of it along in turn." To that end, Curtis will donate a portion of his proceeds from the "All Men Are Brothers" album to the Miami Project. The organization hasn't been able to help Curtis' own condition, but is doing outstanding work in the field of spinal injury. Look for an in-depth interview with Curtis Mayfield in *The Scoop* very soon.

## City Shoppes

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**NEWARK**—The Newark Public Library and the New Ark Writers Collective are co-sponsoring a poetry festival and are seeking submissions of works based on the theme "Poetry/Works: Breath of the Four Winds—Hope, Humility, Serenity, and Faith."

The theme of the festival addresses the myriad of world society problems facing the twenty-first century and how future generations will be rescued and survive. The poetry festival will comprise a series of events at the Main Library beginning May 21 and ending June 11.

The procedures for submitting poetry are:

- Poetry must address the theme.
- More than one poem may be submitted, but the total entries cannot exceed one hundred lines.
- Each poem should be typed on a separate 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper.
- Four copies of each poem must be submitted.
- Paper clip one self-addressed stamped envelope to the poems.

• Author's name should not appear on any of the poems.

• Submission of poetry is a commitment, if invited, to read your work in person on May 21, 2 p.m., at The Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street.

• Submission of poetry is permission to publish the work, if selected, in an anthology.

• All submissions must be postmarked no later than April 29, 1994, and mailed to: Poetry/Works 111 Mulberry St., I-Q Newark, NJ 07102.

"The time is long over due for poetry to take its rightful place among the arts activities of the City of Newark," comments Linda A.H. Walker, co-chair of the Newark Writers Collective. "We are hoping that the Poetry/Works project provides the necessary venue for novice poets to exhibit and hone their skills, and that it provides a platform for profiling the skills of those poets who are published and acclaimed." In addition to a recognition award, the winners will receive a copy of the 48-page anthology of selected entries. For additional information, please call Poetry/Works at 201-643-3606.

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# CITY BUSINESS

## Business Calendar

## Proposed laws aim to advance electronic publishing

by Robert W. Bogle

**NOW THROUGH APRIL 11**  
NEWARK—Free tax help for seniors. AARP will be offering free tax seminars with their 1993 tax returns. Newark Public Library, 500 Madison Ave., 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., by appointment only. For more info call 201-733-7734.

**NOW THROUGH APRIL 21**  
HACKENSACK—"Career Exploration" workshop for women. Career planning, self exploration, and information on the world of work and the skills needed in today's job market. Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$55 fee. Call 201-343-6000, Ext. 275 for more info.

**NOW THRU MAY 14**  
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a six session "Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) Review." This course is designed to help law school candidates prepare for the LSAT. Classes meet on Saturdays, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Tuition is \$195.00 to register. Call (201) 220-2088.

**EVERY 1ST FRIDAY**  
NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month. Sheraton Inn Midtown, 1000 (Rte 1 & 9 North). 5:30 P.M.-1:00 P.M. \$10 fee, \$7 before 8:00 P.M.

**APRIL 6-MAY 11**  
TRENTON—Start Right! Build Right! Entrepreneurial training program sponsored by the National Association of Women Business Owners, every Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the NJ SEDC, Mercer County Community College, also Wall Township, at the NJ Natural Gas Co., Washington (Warren County) and Vineland included. (call for info.) For more information or to enroll in seminars contact Harriet Nazarene, NJAWBO/EXCEL headquarters, 908-707-0173.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7**  
NEW BRUNSWICK—"Sexual Harassment In The Workplace." 7-9 p.m. at the Law Center. One Constitution Square. Admission is free but reservations is required. To register please call 1-800-FREE-LAW, ext. 7525 or 7521.

**APRIL 11**  
MONTCLAIR—"Managing the Economic Transition in South Africa." ATRAF (Center for Economic Research on Africa) conference. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Center Ballroom. For more information and to register, call (201) 655-5255.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**  
MONTCLAIR—"The Federal Deficit: From Here To Eternity?" By Warren Rudman, former U.S. Senator from New Hampshire. 8 p.m., Student Center Ballroom. Montclair State College. Free.

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**  
VOORHEES—"Get Business to Come to Through Marketing Materials." Free seminar, 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Voorhees Hampton Inn. Call 609-424-4151.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**  
BRIDGEWATER—"Marketing in the 90's: Competing with Mass Merchandisers." 8-11 a.m., for reservations or more information call 908-725-1552 or fax at 908-722-7823.

**CAMDEN—"Developing a Successful Marketing Campaign."** 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Corporate Center, Blackwood Campus. Speaker Peg Luedo of Marketing Directions. For more information call 609-494-1415.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**  
WEST ORANGE—Sutton Hall University's Second Annual Job Fair. Main Lounge & Chancellor's Suite, at the Bishop Dougherty Student Center. Registration from 8 a.m.-8:45 a.m., Networking 9 a.m.-2 p.m. \$25/plate (Breakfast/Lunch). For more information call Lizzy Pinto or Beth Reynolds at 201-781-9352. FAX 201 781-9009.

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**  
NEW YORK—"Regional Alliance For Small Contractors." Annual Awards Luncheon, at the Marriott Marquis, One World Trade Center-44th floor New York, N.Y. 10048.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25-26**  
MADISON—"The Seventh Annual Conference on Corporate Communication: Communication and Change." Panels: Composition of corporate executives and University scholars. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lenfest Hall/Harman Lounge, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 225 Madison Ave. For a brochure or to register, call 201-593-8710 or FAX 201-593-8510.

**MONDAY, JUNE 13**  
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The electronic information age is here, and new communications technology is exploding. There is every reason for African Americans to be at the forefront of new ways to deliver messages.

Proposals now moving through the Congress would create rules for access and fair competition. They deserve our attention and support, if we are going to prevent roadblocks and get moving on the "information superhighway." As the only African American member of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Andrew Barrett, recently warned, we must act now or risk being left out.

In my view, it is important to include provisions that guarantee access to African American newspapers. House committees that approved legislation on March 16 went a long way toward addressing that concern. Similar legislation in the Senate is going through the hearing process now, and what the entrepreneur and consumer have to say could make a positive difference.

Federal courts in 1991 granted regional Bell companies permission to do electronic publishing. Phone

companies can work with, or compete against, newspapers to deliver information by phone lines. Meanwhile, the local network is challenged by who they say they can improve service.

Unless ground rules are put in place fast, you could have fewer, more expensive options for dialing 900 or 976 numbers, using dial up information services being created, or bring up a data base on your own computer screen. As legislation is developed, you may gain greater opportunity for full participation in the information age.

Though some newspapers and other interests had opposed the Bell companies becoming electronic publishers, key players in the two businesses joined to support proposals this year. Congressional Black Caucus veteran Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, heralded the alliance while chairing a Capitol Hill hearing in February. Also supportive was Rep. Craig Washington (D-TX), who sits on both the Judiciary Committee and Energy and Commerce Committee, the panels charged with handling bills on information services. The legislation could advance further, if phone company support holds.

In the House, action is on two bills. "Brooks Dingell" (HR 3626), named for House Judiciary Chairman Jack Brooks (D-TX) and Commerce Chairman John Dingell (D-MI), sets rules for phone companies to compete in other businesses. "Markley Fields" (HR 3636), named for senior members of the telecommunications subcommittee, seeks local phone service competition.

The Senate Commerce Committee is considering S 1822, which combines aims of the House proposals and broadens the definition of "electronic publishing."

Many provisions common to the House and Senate proposals should interest African Americans. Two features stand out in S 1822 and HR 3626 (Brooks-Dingell). The first seeks to create a fair playing field. To do electronic publishing, Bell companies would seek permission and use separate accounts, staff, and resources. Restrictions would last until the year 2000, when alternative local phone services may be available.

The second is designed to help smaller businesses. Newspapers and other electronic publishers can joint venture with phone companies, if Bell company interest is limited to 30 percent. If a small local electronic

publisher needs more resources, the FCC could allow the local phone company to hold up to an 80 percent stake.

African American entrepreneurs could benefit from changes made to the bills in House action on March 16. Amendments authored by Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-IL) would require local phone companies to set goals to increase procurement from "minority" and female-owned suppliers, ban discrimination, and direct government agencies to set rules promoting entry into advanced communication by small and "minority" businesses, and by nonprofits. This needs to be added to Senate legislation.

A "localism" policy to help small community newspapers gain ground on the information highway is in the Senate bill and was added to Brooks-Dingell. It mandates consideration for reasonable rates and equal access for local and national data.

The proposed legislation also would help create business opportunities by allowing electronic publishers and Bell companies to work together in ways such as these:

By "teaming arrangements," publishers and Bell companies can cooperate on customer service or special projects.

A Bell company's business office can offer telemarketing for electronic publishers who wish to sell their services when customers initiate a call to the phone company.

To ensure a healthy, competitive environment, safeguards require local phone companies to use separate accounts, staff, and resources for electronic publishing. The phone companies also must keep records and submit annual independent audits. Government and private parties can sue to enforce compliance.

The Senate bill, and Markley-Fields in the House, by fostering competition in local service, could give businesses and residences the option to choose their provider. In a competitive environment, phone companies would have incentive to do competitive pricing and encourage access to the lines.

Write or call your federal legislators and ask them to vote for these bills and voice their commitment to ensure that African American entrepreneurs and the African American press will thrive in the information age.

Robert W. Bogle is president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the nation's oldest African American newspaper, The Philadelphia Tribune.

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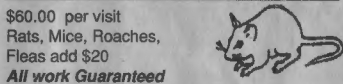
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# Essex Dem chairman appoints committee to plan ethics code for elected officials; invites public hearing

NEWARK—In a pioneering effort toward party reforms, Essex County Democratic Chairman Thomas P. Gribbin announced the appointment of an 11-member committee to develop a Code of Ethics for Essex County Democratic Elected officials and, at the same, called for a published re-

## Youth crime prevention

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the school and the city must do all it can, our young people must not put their lives at risk by inviting confrontation with law enforcement officials. This is not a lifestyle."

The Mayor later added that he has been "boasted" for his remark, "poverty is not an excuse for crime. Poverty is not an excuse to kill, to rob, to rape."

"How do I know? Because Sharpe James was poor, with holes in his sneakers, had in his pants, lived in one room at Howard and Springfield Avenues had to bathe in a tub that you heated water to top of a stove, and had to go to the bathroom in an outhouse in the back yard. We were poor and sometimes dinner was potato chips and pork-n-beans—and that was a great dinner," he continued. "We were poor, but my mother did not allow us to steal or commit a crime."

While Newark houses extra-curricular activities such as, a renovated John F. Kennedy Recreation Center, an olympic-sized pool, two movie theaters, basketball leagues, and a roller-skating rink, the city's top official adds, "Crime cannot be viewed as recreation, it is wrong. We must say to them (the youth who commit crimes), we cannot support a life of crime and disrespecting the rights and property of others. But again, recreation, the lack of it or absence of it cannot be used as an excuse to commit a crime."

## Newark Candidates

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said it's time to say "no more partnerships with street investors and developers and to build a partnership with you (Newark residents), because you are the backbone of this city."

Dr. Walton is the first woman to make a serious, official run for mayor and makes it perfectly clear she does not intend to vote on the basis of gender. At the debate she never mentioned nor did she suggest her candidacy by given special consideration because she is a woman in a city where women outnumber men. If nothing else, the diversity of the candidates will make this years mayor-council race in Newark one of the most watched political events of the century.

The Forest Hill organization has scheduled debates for at-large and ward candidates throughout the month of April.

## Herb Tate

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prophetic. Tate was born in Pakistan during his late father's tour of duty as a Cultural Attaché in the Eisenhower administration. His mother, Ethel, was a teacher at the American Embassy and the Newark school system. Raised in Montclair, he followed his father into the legal profession and maintained a private practice until former Governor Thomas Kean tapped him for Essex County Prosecutor.

The Tate family alternately lived in Montclair and Newark. Attorney Herb Tate, Sr., maintained a practice on Interstate 76 (Belmont Ave.) was an Essex County Assemblyman in the 1940's and was a co-owner of the now defunct NEW JERSEY HERALD NEWS when it was the biggest statewide first African American judge in the Family and Juvenile Court in Essex County.

The Tate family legacy dates back to the days when blacks in Montclair numbered a select few. His paternal grandparents, the late Al and still feisty Hortense were Young Republicans and community activist who helped charter the NAACP and other "race" groups.

As Tate, Jr. said in remarks following his swearing-in, "I was raised to care about people. To share whatever talents or expertise I may have with others. To be prepared whenever and wherever opportunity knocks and to give my best. I welcome the challenge to improve the quality of life for all the people in New Jersey."

port by April 18, 1994.

The 11-member committee includes: Benjamin H. Amos, President, Vindicta Society, Newark; Mamie Bridgforth, Chair, Social Services Division, Essex County College; Frances M. Coon, Director, Physician Support Services, Mountsinai Hospital; Robert R. Detore, Verona Democratic Chair-

man; Assemblyman Leroy J. Jones, Jr. (D-27); former Congressman Joseph G. Minih; Maggie Miggins, Vice President, Essex County Young Democrats; Corinne Miller, West Orange Community Activist; William Narvaez, Newark Deputy Mayor; Belleville Mayor Marina Perna and Burton Scheld, Executive Director, Essex County Economic

Development Corporation.

"All of the committee members are either District Leaders or long-time Democratic activists," stated Gribbin.

Some of the proposals being presented to the Ethics Committee include Election spending caps for Essex County government officials; a semi-annual reporting of balances

in election fund accounts and a prohibition of employment for a one year period with a firm doing business with Essex County government after leaving as an elected official.

Other items for consideration include limiting the amount that can be donated to Essex County Democratic officials by firms or businesses that provide County services, as well as mandating that all professional services be done on a Request For Proposal (RFP) basis with a negotiation provision to obtain or provide the best in each respective field. These professional services include: attorneys, accountants, engineers, bond counsellors and insurance brokers,

among others.

The committee has been charged with submitting a report no later than April 18, 1994, to the full 100 member Essex County Democratic Executive Committee for its full review and approval.

It is expected that the Essex County Democratic Code of Ethics Committee will hold a Public Hearing for input by Democrats, elected officials and Essex County citizens.

"Our objective, noted Gribbin, is to make our Code of Ethics the standard for other County Democratic Organizations to follow throughout the state. Good government is good politics," said Chairman Gribbin.

## Nominations needed for African-American-Heritage Award

NEWARK—The statewide African-American Heritage Parade Committee, Inc. is seeking nominations for its first heritage award. The Heritage Award, an engraved Tiffany crystal pyramid, will be given annually to two individuals, one from a corporation and one from the community, who have made an exceptional cultural and/or human development contribution to the African-American community. Entries will be judged by a committee of peers from the community-at-large and the corporate community.

According to Donald Bernard, Sr., Chairman of the African-American Heritage Award Committee, Inc., "the nominations should exemplify pride and awareness of their

heritage and stand as a role model for the young African-American men and women in the state. The recipient of the Heritage Award will represent us all, as an example of high achievement and humanity."

To place a name for consideration send a biographical sketch of the nominee including name, address, telephone, employment, family status, a brief description of your reasons for nominating this person, a list of other awards and recognitions received by the nominee, and your name, community organization or corporation, and telephone number.

All submissions must be postmarked by April 16 and mailed to the African-American Heritage Parade Committee, P.O. Box 1116, New-

ark, NJ 07101-1116, or hand-delivered to the committee's offices at 10220 Broad Street, Newark Symphony Hall, 4th flr. Saturdays, April 9 or 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The committee will be presenting a weekend of festivities during April 29-May 1 that will highlight the contributions of the African-Americans. The events, include an Agriculture evening with ethnic food, dance, music, and art (Guests are encouraged to wear national or ethnic attire), a formal Gala and awards presentation ceremony, and the 16th annual African-American Heritage Parade will take place in Newark. A commemorative souvenir journal of the events will be published. For additional information please call 201-623-2819, or 201-642-5051.

## Health Security Act

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which that doctor belongs. Of course choosing a plan will be meaningless if there is a shortage of doctors and hospitals in our communities. That's why President Clinton has included provisions in this bill to increase the number of doctors, nurses and health plans in our communities. The bill calls for doubling of the number of minority medical students by the year 2000.

The Act also provides tax incentives and loans for providers who practice in underserved areas. It increases the number of African American nurses as well. It provides "equal pay for equal treatments" so that

doctors and hospitals caring for Medicaid patients will no longer have lower payments. When the Health Security Act provides universal health care coverage and equal payment, the two major financial reasons our communities have been underserved will be fixed.

We must be realistic. This bill will not correct the effects of years of discrimination and neglect that has caused the health care crisis in our communities immediately. But it has the key ingredients to move us much more rapidly in the right direction, and to provide real choices along the way.

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<b>Senokot Tablets</b> 20 ct. \$5.19	<b>Arrid Extra Dry</b> or Arrid XX Spray Net wt. 4 oz. cont. \$3.29	<b>FiberCon Tablets</b> 36 ct. \$7.49	<b>FiberCon Tablets</b> 60 ct. \$10.99	<b>Halls Plus Tablets</b> Bag of 25 \$2.19	<b>Motrin IB Sinus Caplets</b> 20 ct. \$5.99	<b>Clairel Glints</b> Assorted Shades One Kit \$6.99
<b>Cortaid Cream</b> With Aloe Net wt. 5 oz. cont. \$3.59	<b>Faultless Combination Syringe</b> 1 ct. \$12.99	<b>Soft Sense Lotion</b> Extra Moisturizing Net wt. 10 oz. cont. \$3.69	<b>Tinykit Folding Syringe</b> 1 ct. \$6.99	<b>Faultless Ice Bag</b> Medium, 1 ct. \$11.99	<b>Faultless Cold Pack</b> 1 ct. \$2.69	<b>Ross Nasal Aspirator</b> 1 ct. \$4.99
<b>Selsun Blue Shampoo</b> Net wt. 4 oz. btl. \$4.59	<b>Selsun Gold Shampoo</b> For Women Net wt. 4 oz. btl. \$4.59	<b>Selsun Blue Shampoo</b> Net wt. 7 oz. btl. \$7.29	<b>Selsun Gold Shampoo</b> For Men Net wt. 7 oz. btl. \$7.29	<b>Beauty Sponge</b> Pathmark, 1 ct. \$2.89	<b>Arrid Extra Dry</b> or Arrid XX Glide-On Net wt. 1.5 oz. cont. \$2.99	<b>Arrid Extra Dry</b> Cream Deodorant Net wt. 1 oz. cont. \$2.39
<b>Schick Slim Twin Disposable</b> 10 ct. \$4.29	<b>Sensogard Canker Sore Relief</b> Net wt. .33 oz. cont. \$5.49	<b>Senokot Xtra Tablets</b> 12 ct. \$5.19	<b>Anacin Aspirin Free</b> Tablets 30 ct. \$4.09	<b>Anacin Aspirin Free PM</b> Caplets 20 ct. \$3.99	<b>Loving Care Mousse</b> Ass. Shades One Kit \$7.19	<b>Clairel Frosted Lights</b> Ass. Shades, One Kit \$13.29
<b>Clairel Brush On Lights</b> Ass. Shades One Kit \$10.99	<b>Premiere Perm</b> Assorted Types \$7.99	<b>Faultless Water Bottle</b> 1 ct. \$9.99	<b>Bayer Plus Tablets</b> 24 ct. \$3.49	<b>Bronkaid Refill</b> Net wt. 50 oz. cont. \$11.99	<b>Neo-Synephrine Nasal Spray</b> 12/2% Net wt. 5 oz. cont. \$4.99	<b>Neo-Synephrine Maximum Strength</b> 12 Hour Spray Net wt. 5 oz. cont. \$5.49
<b>Riopan Plus Liquid</b> Net wt. 12 oz. cont. \$5.39	<b>Ferro Sequel Tablets</b> 30 ct. \$8.39	<b>Nasal Saline Spray</b> Net wt. .1 oz. cont. \$3.39	<b>Les Blondissimes</b> Ass. Shades, One Kit \$8.29	<b>Correctol</b> 90 ct. \$10.49	<b>Fleet Suppositories</b> 12 ct. \$1.89	<b>Preparation H Ointment</b> Net wt. 1 oz. cont. \$5.19